

## Damped Harmonic Oscillator

- All physical oscillators have some damping from the medium, unless in vacuum
- Sometimes damping is desired...  
i.e. Shocks, Screen Doors, Bridges etc

Consider a damping force of the form

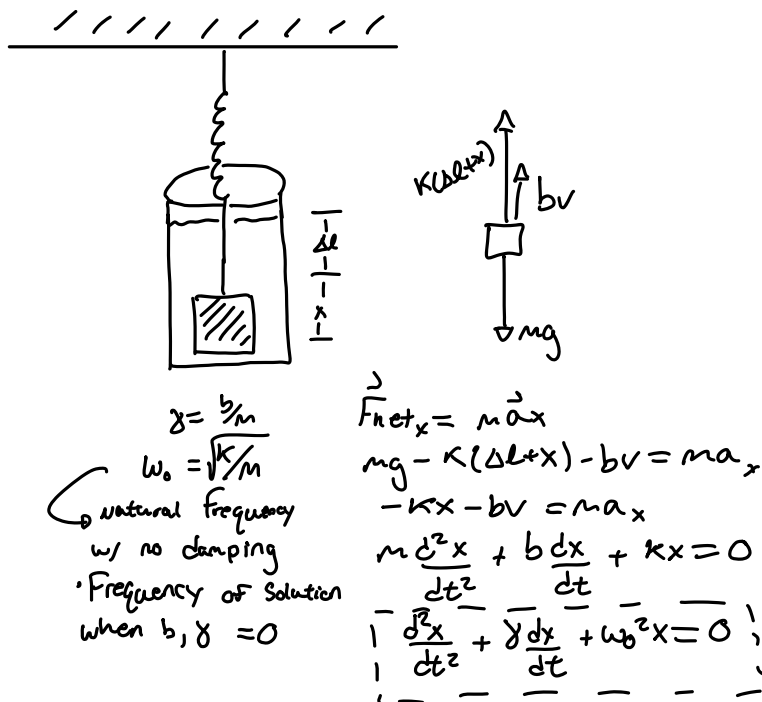
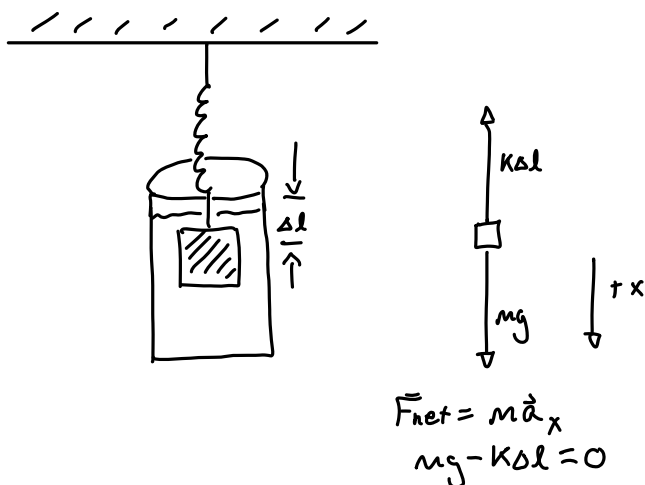
$$F_d = -bv$$

$b \equiv$  Damping coefficient  
 $\equiv$  Dependent upon

- Shape
- Viscosity of fluid

• Force is linearly proportional to the speed

• Valid for low speeds,  $F_d \propto -v^2$  for high speeds



### 3 Diff Cases of Damping

1. Light Damping
2. Overdamping
3. Critical damping

### Light Damping

$$\omega \neq \omega_0$$

$$x(t) = A_0 e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t)$$

Plug into  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$  : Show its a solution

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -\beta A_0 e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t) - \omega A_0 e^{-\beta t} \sin(\omega t) \\ &= -A_0 e^{-\beta t} (\beta \cos(\omega t) + \omega \sin(\omega t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} &= A_0 \beta e^{-\beta t} (\beta \cos(\omega t) + \omega \sin(\omega t)) - A_0 e^{-\beta t} (-\omega \beta \sin(\omega t) + \omega^2 \cos(\omega t)) \\ &= A_0 e^{-\beta t} ((\beta^2 - \omega^2) \cos(\omega t) + 2\omega \beta \sin(\omega t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & A_0 e^{-\beta t} ((\beta^2 - \omega^2) \cos(\omega t) + 2\omega \beta \sin(\omega t)) - \gamma A_0 e^{-\beta t} (\beta \cos(\omega t) + \omega \sin(\omega t)) + \omega_0^2 A_0 e^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega t) \\ & A_0 e^{-\beta t} ((\beta^2 - \omega^2 - \gamma \beta + \omega_0^2) \cos(\omega t) + \omega(2\beta - \gamma) \sin(\omega t)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

note

- This eqn must hold for all time
- $\omega \neq 0$

1.  $2\beta - \gamma = 0$
2.  $\beta^2 - \omega^2 - \gamma \beta + \omega_0^2 = 0$

$$\frac{\gamma^2}{4} - \omega^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{2} + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4} \therefore \omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - (\gamma/2)^2}$$

$$x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - (\gamma/2)^2} t)$$

This type of motion is representative of oscillatory motion

• When  $\gamma$  is real i.e. when  $\gamma^2/4 < \omega_0^2$

General solution is of the form,

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ \omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - (\gamma/2)^2} \end{cases}$$

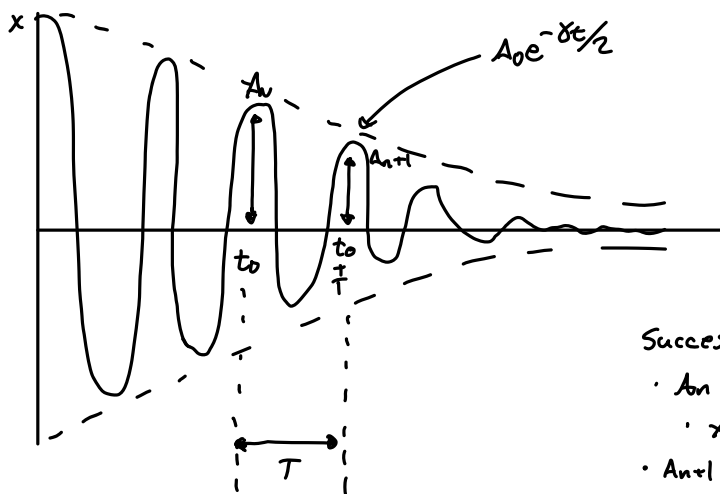
•  $x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ ,  $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - (\gamma/2)^2}$ ,  $\phi \equiv \text{A constant}$

Notice

•  $\gamma$  &  $\omega$  are determined by the properties of the oscillator

•  $A_0$  &  $\phi$  are determined by the initial conditions

Graph of  $x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t)$



notice that when  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$

•  $x(t) = A_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

when  $\omega = \omega_0$  (Solution for SHM)

•  $x(t') = 0$  when  $\omega t' = \pi/2, 3\pi/2, 5\pi/2, \dots$

• period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

Successive maxima occur when  $\phi = 0$

•  $A_n$  occurs at  $t = t_0$ , so

•  $x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t_0) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t_0/2} = A_n$

•  $A_{n+1}$  occurs at  $t = t_0 + T$

•  $x(t_0 + T) = A_0 e^{-\gamma(t_0 + T)/2} \cos(\omega(t_0 + T)) = A_{n+1}$

Since  $\cos(\omega t_0) = \cos(\omega(t_0 + T))$

•  $\cos(\omega t_0 + \omega T) = \cos(\omega t_0 + 2\pi) = \cos(\omega t_0) = 1$

•  $A_{n+1} = A_0 e^{-\gamma(t_0 + T)/2} = A_0 e^{-\gamma t_0/2} e^{-\gamma T/2} = A_n e^{-\gamma T/2}$

•  $\left[ \frac{A_{n+1}}{A_n} = e^{-\gamma T/2} = \frac{A_n}{A_{n+1}} = e^{\gamma T/2} \right]$

Successive maxima decrease by the same fractional amount

The natural logarithm of  $A_n/A_{n+1}$

•  $\ln\left(\frac{A_n}{A_{n+1}}\right) = \ln e^{\gamma T/2} = \frac{\gamma T}{2} \Rightarrow$  This is called the Logarithmic Decrement

• Heavy Damping:

This occurs when  $\gamma^2/4 > \omega_0^2$

•  $\left[ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{\gamma dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \right] \quad \gamma = \frac{b}{m} \quad \omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$

$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$

Choose a solution of the form

•  $x(t) = e^{-\beta t} f(t)$

•  $\dot{x} = -\beta e^{-\beta t} + e^{-\beta t} \dot{f} = e^{-\beta t} (-\beta f + \dot{f})$

•  $\ddot{x} = -\beta e^{-\beta t} (-\beta f + \dot{f}) + e^{-\beta t} (-\beta \dot{f} + \ddot{f}) = e^{-\beta t} (\beta^2 f - 2\beta \dot{f} + \ddot{f})$

with  $\beta = \gamma/2$

•  $e^{-\beta t} (\ddot{f} + 2\beta \dot{f} + \beta^2 f) + \gamma e^{-\beta t} (f - \beta f) + \omega_0^2 e^{-\beta t} f = 0$

•  $e^{-\beta t} [\ddot{f} + (\gamma - 2\beta)\dot{f} + (\beta^2 - \beta\gamma + \omega_0^2)f] = 0 \quad \beta = \gamma/2$

•  $\beta^2 - \beta\gamma + \omega_0^2 = \frac{\gamma^2}{4} - \frac{\gamma}{2} \cdot \gamma + \omega_0^2 = \omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4}$

This becomes

•  $\ddot{f} + (\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2/4)f = 0 \quad \ddot{f} = \underbrace{(\gamma^2/4 - \omega_0^2)}_{\alpha^2} f \quad \left[ \ddot{f} = \alpha^2 f \right]$

This solution takes the form of

•  $f(t) = A e^{\alpha t} + B e^{-\alpha t} \Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-\gamma t/2} f(t) \rightarrow \left[ x(t) = e^{-\gamma t/2} [A e^{\alpha t} + B e^{-\alpha t}] \right] \quad \alpha = \sqrt{(\gamma/2)^2 - \omega_0^2}$

### Critical Damping

• This occurs when  $\gamma/4 = \omega_0^2$

The trial Solution would be,

•  $\frac{d^2 f}{dt^2} = 0$  with a solution of the form  $f(t) = A + Bt$

This becomes,

•  $x(t) = Ae^{-\gamma t/2} + Bte^{-\gamma t/2} = e^{-\gamma t/2}(A + Bt) \Rightarrow [x(t) = e^{-\gamma t/2}(A + Bt)]$

When critical damping occurs, the mass returns to the equilibrium position in the shortest possible time without oscillating.

### Ch 2

$m = 2.5 \text{ kg}$

$k = 600 \text{ N/m}$

$v_0 = 1.5 \text{ m/s}$

a.) Determine the value of the damping constant "b" required to produce critical damping

b.) Determine max value of displacement at time in which impulse occurs,

a.) For critical damping

$$\gamma/4 = b^2/4m^2 = \omega_0^2 = k/m$$

$$\frac{b^2}{4m^2} = \frac{k}{m} : b^2 = 4mk : b = \sqrt{4mk} : b = \sqrt{4(2.5)\text{kg}(600)\text{N/m}} = 77.5 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$[b = 77.5 \text{ kg/s}]$$

b.) General Solution for critical damping is ...

$$x(t) = e^{-\gamma t/2}(A + Bt) \quad \therefore v = \frac{dx}{dt} = Bte^{-\gamma t/2} \cdot \left(-\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)(A + Bt)e^{-\gamma t/2}$$

$$v = \left(B - \frac{\gamma}{2}(A + Bt)\right)e^{-\gamma t/2}$$

Initial conditions of ..

$$v(t) = Be^{-\gamma t/2}\left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2}t\right)$$

•  $x = 0$

•  $v = v_i$

•  $t = 0$

•  $x(t=0) = 0 = A$

•  $x(t=0) = v_0 = B = 1.5 \text{ m/s} \quad \therefore$

•  $x(t) = v_0 te^{-\gamma t/2}$

$$x(t) = Bte^{-\gamma t/2}$$

$$v(t) = Be^{-\gamma t/2}\left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2}t\right)$$

Max displacement occurs when  $dx/dt = 0$

$$v_i e^{-\gamma t/2} (1 - \gamma t/2) = 0$$

$$t = \frac{2}{\gamma} = \frac{2m}{b} = \frac{2(2.5 \text{ kg})}{(77.5 \text{ kg/s})} = 6.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}$$

$$[x = 3.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}]$$

$$x = \frac{2v_i}{e\gamma} = \frac{2mv_i}{eb} = \frac{2(2.5 \text{ kg})(1.5 \text{ m/s})}{e(77.5 \text{ kg/s})} = 3.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

## Rate of Energy Loss in a Damped Harmonic Oscillator

The mechanical energy of a damped oscillator

$$x \equiv x(t)$$

$$E = K + U = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$\dot{x} \equiv \frac{dx}{dt}$$

For the case of a very lightly damped oscillator i.e. ( $\gamma = 0$ ):  $\frac{\gamma^2}{4} \ll \omega_0^2$

$$x = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - (\frac{\gamma}{2})^2} \approx \omega_0$$

$$x(t) = A_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

Very lightly damped

Now...

$$\dot{x}(t) = A_0 \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2}} \cos(\omega_0 t) - \omega_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2}} \sin(\omega_0 t) \right]$$

$$= -A_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2}} \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \cos(\omega_0 t) + \omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t) \right]$$

Since  $\frac{\gamma}{2} \ll \omega_0$ , we can neglect the first term in square brackets giving us

$$\dot{x}(t) = -A_0 \omega_0 e^{-\frac{\gamma t}{2}} \sin(\omega_0 t) \quad \text{"}\frac{\gamma}{2} \cos(\omega_0 t)\text{" is practically zero because } \omega_0 \gg \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

Plugging into Energy equation yields

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 A_0^2 e^{-\gamma t} \sin^2(\omega_0 t) + \frac{1}{2} k A_0^2 e^{-\gamma t} \cos^2(\omega_0 t)$$

$$\left[ E(t) = \frac{1}{2} A_0^2 e^{-\gamma t} \left[ m \omega_0^2 \sin^2(\omega_0 t) + k \cos^2(\omega_0 t) \right] \right]$$

Substituting for  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ , we obtain...

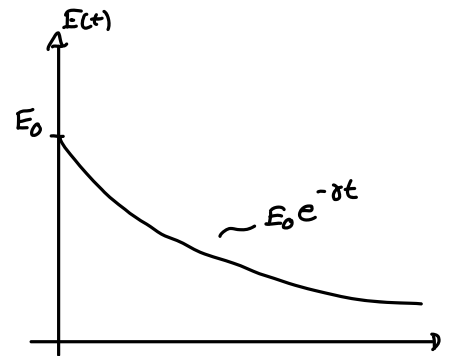
$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} k A_0^2 e^{-\gamma t}, \text{ giving } \dots \left[ E(t) = E_0 e^{-\gamma t} \right]$$

where  $E_0 \equiv$  the total energy of the oscillator at  $t=0$

$\gamma$  has a physical meaning, the reciprocal of  $\gamma$ :  $1/\gamma$  is known as the decay time for the energy of the oscillator.

$\tau = 1/\gamma$ , we obtain... \*  $\tau$  has dimensions of time and is called decay time.

$$E(t) = E_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$



Calculate the time rate of change of Energy

$$\frac{dE(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \right] = m v \frac{dv}{dt} + k x \frac{dx}{dt} = (m v + k x) v$$

Remember that ..  $ma = -kx$ , so  $ma + kx = -bv$

$$m \dot{x} \ddot{x} + k x \dot{x} \\ \dot{x} (m \ddot{x} + k x)$$

This then gives

\* The energy of an oscillator is dissipated

$$\left[ \frac{dE(t)}{dt} = -bv^2 = F_D v \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{because it does work against the} \\ \text{damping force at the rate (damping} \\ \text{Force} \times \text{velocity)} < \text{Fluid is heated} \end{array}$$

## The Quality Factor Q of A Damped Harmonic Oscillator

Define the quality factor, Q:

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} \text{ (Dimensionless)}$$

- Describes how good an oscillator is
- Smaller degree of damping, the higher the quality of the oscillator

Consider the energy of a very lightly damped oscillator one period apart,

$$E_1 = E(t_1) = E_0 e^{-\gamma t} \quad E_2 = E(t_2) = E_0 e^{-\gamma(t_1+T)} \quad \text{Where } t_2 = t_1 + T$$

Taking the ratio yields

$$\frac{E_2}{E_1} = e^{-\gamma T} = 1 - \gamma T + \dots \quad \left( \text{Since } \gamma \text{ is small} \right) \quad \gamma T \ll 1$$

Thus

$$\gamma T = 1 - \frac{E_2}{E_1} = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1} = \frac{\Delta E}{E_1} = \frac{\omega_0 T}{Q} = \frac{2\pi}{Q} \quad \text{This is the fractional change in energy per cycle.}$$

Notice

$$\frac{1}{Q} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{E_1 - E_2}{E_1} \quad \text{This is the fractional change in energy per radian}$$

We define Q by,

$$Q = \frac{\text{Energy stored in the oscillator}}{\text{Energy dissipated per radian}}$$

Ex

$$i) \quad E(t) = E_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{E(t)}{E_0}\right) = -\frac{t}{\tau}$$

$$\frac{t}{\tau} = \ln\left(\frac{E_0}{E(t)}\right)$$

$$\tau = \frac{t}{\ln(E_0/E(t))}$$

$$\text{When } t = 4s \quad E(t=4s) = \frac{1}{2}E_0$$

$$\tau = \frac{4}{\ln(2)} = 5.8s$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{5.8s} = 0.17s^{-1}$$

$$ii) \quad Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi\nu}{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi(330 \text{ Hz})}{0.17s^{-1}} = 1.2 \times 10^4$$

$\nu = 330s^{-1}$

$$iii) \quad \frac{\Delta E}{E_1} = \frac{2\pi}{Q} = \frac{2\pi}{1.2 \times 10^4} = 5.2 \times 10^{-4}$$